

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HJR 72

February 9, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes amending Article XI of the Constitution of Tennessee by adding a provision making it unlawful for a person to be denied employment by reason of the person's membership in or refusal to join a labor union or employee organization.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Up to \$10,000/FY22-23*

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee, following passage by two successive General Assemblies, the proposed amendatory language is submitted to the people for a vote at the next general election in which a Governor is to be chosen.
- The proposed constitutional amendment language received its first General Assembly passage with Senate Joint Resolution 648 on June 17, 2020.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-5-211(b), at least five days before the beginning of early voting, the county election commission shall either publish a sample ballot in a newspaper of general circulation or mail the sample ballot to every active registered voter.
- The requirement to add this constitutional amendment to the 2022 general election ballot will increase the size of the sample ballot to be published and subsequently increase printing costs.
- Based on information provided by the Secretary of State, the total statewide mandatory increase in local government expenditures is reasonably estimated as an amount up to \$10,000 occurring in FY22-23.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'B' and 'S'.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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